

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8 and 9 without prejudice or disclaimer, add claims 14-20, and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An acoustic device comprising:

a plurality of sound sources;

a first output unit and a second output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals from the sound sources;

a mode setting unit responding to a predetermined operation for switching and setting a first mode, in which the sound based on the sound signals from one of the sound sources are output from the first output unit, and a second mode, in which while the sound based on the sound signals from one of the sound source are being output from the first output unit, the sound based on the sound signals from another sound source are output from the second output unit;

a remote operation unit for operating the acoustic device remotely; and

a control unit for controlling the mode setting unit to turn ON the power source of the acoustic device in the second mode, when the control unit detects a power ON demand signal from the remote operation unit while the power source is OFF,

wherein the control unit sets a sound output of the first output unit in an interrupted state when the power source of the acoustic device is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

2. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 1, further comprising:

an external connection unit for externally connecting an electronic device having the

remote operation unit,

wherein the control unit includes a control unit for controlling the mode setting unit to turn ON the power source of the acoustic device in the second mode, when the control unit detects the power ON demand signal from the remote operation unit through the external connection unit while the power source is OFF.

3. (Currently Amended) An acoustic device comprising:

a plurality of sound sources;

a first output unit and a second output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals from the sound sources;

a mode setting unit responding to a predetermined operation for switching and setting a first mode, in which the sound based on the sound signals from one of the sound sources are output from the first output unit, and a second mode, in which while the sound based on the sound signals from one of the sound source are being output from the first output unit, the sound signals from another sound source are output from the second output unit;

an external connection unit for externally connecting an electronic device; and

a control unit for controlling the mode setting unit to turn ON the power source of the acoustic device in the second mode, when the control unit detects a power ON demand signal from the electronic device through the external connection unit while the power source is OFF,

wherein the control unit sets a sound output of the first output unit in an interrupted state when the power source of the acoustic device is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

4. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 2,
wherein the power ON demand signal obtained through the external connection unit is
output from the electronic device in response to the power ON of the electronic device.

5. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 3,
wherein the power ON demand signal obtained through the external connection unit is
output from the electronic device in response to the power ON of the electronic device.

6. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 2,
wherein the power ON demand signal obtained through the external connection unit is
output from the electronic device in response to the insertion of a recording medium into the
electronic device.

7. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 3,
wherein the power ON demand signal obtained through the external connection unit is
output from the electronic device in response to the insertion of a recording medium into the
electronic device.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

10. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 1,
wherein the control unit causes a display unit to display power ON information indicating that the power source is turned ON, when the power source of the acoustic device is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

11. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 3,
wherein the control unit causes a display unit to display power ON information indicating that the power source is turned ON, when the power source of the acoustic device is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

12. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 10, further comprising:
a last information storage unit for storing, when the power source of the acoustic device is turned OFF, the sound source information relating to the sound source of the sound based on the sound signals being output by the first output unit just before the OFF of the power source, as last sound source information,
wherein the control unit causes the display unit to display the last sound source information stored in the last information storage unit, as the power ON information, when the power source is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

13. (Original) An acoustic device according to Claim 11, further comprising:
a last information storage unit for storing, when the power source of the acoustic device is turned OFF, the sound source information relating to the sound source of the sound based on the sound signals being output by the first output unit just before the OFF of the

power source, as last sound source information,

wherein the control unit causes the display unit to display the last sound source information stored in the last information storage unit, as the power ON information, when the power source is turned ON in the second mode while the power source is OFF.

14. (New) A vehicular audio system, comprising:

a body device arranged on a front side in a vehicular compartment;

a plurality of sound sources connected to the body device;

a front operation unit for operating the body device on the front side in the vehicular compartment;

a rear operation unit for operating the body device remotely on a rear side in the vehicular compartment;

a first sound output unit and a second sound output unit for outputting sound based on sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources;

an external electronic device connected with the body device via an external connection unit located within the body device;

wherein the body device responds to a predetermined operation from at least one of the front operation unit, the rear operation unit, and the external electronic device to set a first mode, in which a first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources are exclusively output from the first sound output unit, and a second mode, in which the first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources are output from the first sound output unit, and a second plurality of sound signals coming from at least another of the plurality of sound sources are output from the second

sound output unit,

wherein when the second mode is set and the body device is turned ON in response to a power ON demand signal from at least one of the rear operation unit and the external electronic device while the body device is OFF, the first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources is set in a muted state.

15. (New) A vehicular audio system according to claim 14, wherein the body device further comprises:

a speaker output switching unit for selecting at least one of the plurality of sound sources so that the sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources are output from the first sound output unit;

a headphone output switching unit for selecting at least one of the plurality of sound sources so that the sound signals coming from at least another of the plurality of sound sources are output from the second sound output unit;

a first mute circuit for setting the first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources in the muted state;

a second mute circuit for setting the second plurality of sound signals coming from at least another one of the plurality of sound sources in the muted state;

a display unit for displaying information; and

a microcomputer for controlling the body device.

16. (New) A vehicular audio system according to claim 15, wherein the microcomputer further comprises:

a mode setting storage unit, comprising:

a first mode setting memory for storing a set content of the first mode;

a second mode setting memory for storing a set content of the second mode;

and

a last information storage unit for storing, just before the body unit is turned OFF, a sound source information relating to the sound source of the last sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources that was output from the first sound output unit;

a display control unit for controlling the display unit;

a control unit for controlling the microcomputer; and

a mute control unit for controlling the first mute circuit and the second mute circuit on the basis of the set content of the first mode and the set content of the second mode.

17. (New) A vehicular audio system according to claim 15, wherein when the second mode is set and the body device is turned ON in response to a power ON demand signal from at least one of the rear operation unit and the external electronic device while the body device is OFF, the display unit displays an information regarding the first plurality of sound signals coming from at least one of the plurality of sound sources that is set in the muted state by the first mute circuit.

18. (New) A vehicular audio system according to claim 14, wherein the muted state is releasable by the operation of the front operation unit.

19. (New) A vehicular audio system according to claim 14, wherein the external electronic device is arranged on the rear side in the vehicular compartment.

20. (New) A vehicular audio system according to claim 1, wherein the interrupted state is releasable by the control unit.